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**DATE:** September 3, 2024

**FROM:** LaSalle County Coroner's Office

In the early morning hours of Saturday, August 31, 2024, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to Route 71 and East 2631 road near Sheridan, Illinois for a single vehicle, accident. The male decedent driver, and only occupant, has been identified as 40-year-old, John S. Calder, of Yorkville, Illinois. A forensic investigative autopsy was conducted on August 31, 2024 with preliminary results indicating that he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound prior to the accident.

This incident is under further investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office and the Illinois State Police.

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